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PATENT

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant:	Burne et al.	Examiner:	Kartic Padmanabhan
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Title:	Assay for Autoantibodies		

**CERTIFICATE UNDER 37 CFR 1.6(d):**

The undersigned hereby certifies that this correspondence is being transmitted via facsimile to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on February 4, 2005.

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**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Dear Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), it is respectfully requested that a one-month extension of time be granted in which to respond to the outstanding Office Action mailed October 6, 2004, said period of response being extended from January 6, 2005 to February 6, 2005.

Please charge our Deposit Account No. 13-2725 in the amount of \$120.00 to cover the required extension fee for a large entity.

Respectfully submitted,  
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